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ARABIA.

Report from Aden—Plague.

Consul Masterson reports as follows:

Plague cases and deaths at Aden for week ended March 31, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Crater.....	4	5
Maalla.....	3	1
Hedjuff.....	1	1
Tawahi.....	6	5
Shaikh Othman.....	14	16
Cantonment: Steamer Point	5	3
Crater.....	1	
Total.....	33	32

AUSTRALIA.

Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland and New South Wales.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, February 25, 1905.

Plague bulletin No. 8, for week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, February 25, 1905:

PLAQUE IN MAN.

The following 3 cases of plague occurred in Brisbane during the above-mentioned period:

February 18.—A married woman, aged 49 years, residing at Kangaroo Point, where she carried on business as a storekeeper. This case occurred five doors from the fatal case of plague reported in bulletin No. 5.

February 18.—A schoolboy, aged 12 years, residing with his parents at Taringa, 4 miles from Brisbane. The boy's father, a storekeeper, reports the finding of dead rats on his premises.

February 24.—A man, aged 30 years, a resident of Paddington, employed as a checker in the Railway Goods Shed, Roma street, Brisbane. This patient was reported as a suspicious case of plague on the morning of the 24th instant, and died late on the afternoon of the same day. Inquiry in connection with this case is proceeding.

SUMMARY.

Number of cases declared to date.....	18
Cases declared during week	4
Cases discharged	0
Remaining under treatment.....	11
Deaths during the week	3
Last case, February 24, 1905.	

April 28, 1905

PLAQUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during period mentioned	903	170	1,073
Total number examined at Bacteriological Institute	462	119	581
Total number found infected	15	0	15

Date of last infected rat, February 24, 1905.

LOCATION OF PLAGUE-INFECTED RATS.

Feb. 17. Hotel, George street	1
16. Princess street, Paddington	1
20. Warehouse, Queen street (same premises)	1
Grocer's, George street	1
Fruiterer, George street	1
21. Warehouse, Queen street (same premises)	1
Hotel, Queen street	1
22. Wharf, Petrie's bight (same premises)	1
Albert park	1
Fruiterer, Queen street	1
23. Mercer's establishment, Queen street	1
Hotel, George street	1
24. Store, Queen street	1
Grocer, George street	1
Wharf, Petrie's bight (same premises)	1

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

BRISBANE, March 4, 1905.

Plague Bulletin, No. 9, for week ended 12 o'clock noon Saturday, March 4, 1905.

PLAQUE IN MAN.

Only 1 case of plague occurred in Brisbane during the above-mentioned period.

February 28.—A man 25 years of age, a resident of Fortitude Valley, employed as a saw sharpener in a sawmill situated at Bulimba, died on the 2d instant.

In this case, and also in the fatal case reported on February 24 (Bulletin No. 8), there was delay in summoning medical aid. In both cases the specific bacilli of plague were present in the peripheral blood some hours before the patients died and prior to their admission into the plague hospital.

SUMMARY.

Number of cases declared to date	20
Cases declared during week	1
Cases discharged	2
Remaining under treatment	8
Deaths during the week	1

Last case February 28, 1905.

PLAQUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during period mentioned	978	202	1,189
Total number examined in bacteriological institute	451	131	582
Total number found infected	25	0	24

Date of last infected rat, March 3, 1905.

LOCATION OF PLAGUE-INFECTED RATS.

Hotel, Queen street	1
Fish shop, Queen street.....	1
Produce store, Woolloongabba	1
Hotel, Petrie's Bight	1
Grocer, Queen street.....	6
Hotel, George street.....	3
Kangaroo Point	1
Residence, Montague road	1
Produce store, Roma street.....	1
Do	1
Slaughter yard	3
Fruit shop, Queen street.....	1
Auctioneer, Queen street.....	1
Bag merchant, Roma street	1
Printer, Edward street.....	1
Total	24

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

BRISBANE, March 11, 1905.

Plague Bulletin No. 10, for week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, March 11, 1905.

PLAQUE IN MAN.

Two cases of plague occurred in Brisbane during the above-mentioned period:

March 6.—A Chinese fruit hawker, aged 32 years, who resided and carried on business in Ann street, Fortitude Valley, died on the 7th instant. No evidence of rats on premises.

March 9.—A boy, aged 19 years, residing at Montague road, South Brisbane, where also he was employed looking after cows.

A plague-infected rat was found at a residence, Montague road, on March 1.

SUMMARY.

Number of cases declared to date	22
Cases declared during week	2
Cases discharged	2
Remaining under treatment	7
Deaths during week	1

Last case March 9, 1905.

RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Rats and mice destroyed during week.....	919	122	1,041
Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute	486	106	592
Rats and mice infected	24	0	24

Date of last infected rat, March 10, 1905.

LOCATION OF INFECTED RATS.

Hotel, George street.....	1
Fruiterer, Queen street	2
Produce store, Roma street	1
Auctioneer, Queen street.....	1
Jeweler, Adelaide street	1
Grocer, Queen street.....	2
Wharf, North quay.....	1
Baker, Stanley street, S. B.....	4
Wharf, Boundary street	1
Residence, Kelvin Grove road.....	1
Do	2
Stables, William street.....	1
Produce store, Wickham street.....	3
Residence, Phillip street	1
Hotel, Fortitude Valley.....	1
Total	24

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commisssioner of Public Health.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PLAQUE—CLARENCE AND RICHMOND RIVERS.

No. 5.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m. Saturday, February 18, 1905.

Remaining under treatment February 11, 1905	4
Notified during week	0
Discharged during week	0
Died during week	1
Remaining under treatment February 18, 1905	3

PLAQUE IN RATS.

Clarence River.—Number of rats examined for week ended February 11, 1905, 390; found infected, several at 3 farms. Number of rats examined for week ended February 18, 1905, 589; found infected, none.

Richmond River (Ballina).—Number of rats examined for week ended February 18, 1905, 272; found infected, 16 rats, 1 cat.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

No. 6.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m. Saturday, February 25, 1905:

Remaining under treatment February 18, 1905.....	3
Notified during week	0
Discharged during week	3
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment February 25, 1905.....	0

PLAQUE IN RATS.

Clarence River.—Rats examined for week from Ulmarra, Woodford Island, North Grafton, South Grafton, Harwood Island, 394; infected, 4.

Richmond River.—About 200 rats examined from Ballina, Lismore, Coraki, and Casino; infected, none.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

No. 7.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m. Saturday, March 4, 1905:

Remaining under treatment February 25, 1905.....	0
Notified during week.....	0
Discharged during week	0
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment March 4, 1905.....	0

PLAUE IN RATS.

Clarence River.—Rats examined for week from Ulmarra, North Grafton, South Grafton, Woodford Island, Harwood Island, 277; infected, none.

Richmond River.—Cleansing operations at Ballina have been completed and staff withdrawn.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

No. 8.

Bulletin for week ended 1 p. m., Saturday, March 11, 1905:

Remaining under treatment March 4, 1905	0
Admitted during week.....	0

PLAUE IN RATS.

Rats examined during week from Ulmarra, 105; North Grafton, 35; South Grafton, 3; Southgate, 5; Harwood Island, 3; total, 151; infected, none.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

N. B.—The Clarence and Richmond River areas will be declared free from infection at the board meeting to be held on March 14, 1905.

No further bulletins will be issued from this date.

Northern Rivers district declared free from infection.

VICTORIA, *March 23, 1905.*

Premier New South Wales reports that all plague patients have been discharged from hospital in Northern Rivers district, and district declared free from infection.

G. H. REID.

AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL, *Melbourne.*